

NOTICE OF HEARING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Division of Air Pollution Control will hold a public hearing pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-201-105:

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Information Session: 5:00 - 5:15 PM
Public Hearing: 5:15 - 6:15 PM
Location: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
901 R. S. Gass Blvd
Nashville, Tennessee

There will be a public hearing before the Technical Secretary of the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board to consider a proposed change to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) under the authority of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-201-105.

The hearing will be conducted as prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-201 et. seq. and will take place at the date, time and location indicated above.

The public hearing has been called to consider the Clean Air Act Section 110(I) Noninterference Demonstration for removal of the Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program for Middle Tennessee. Public Chapter No. 953, signed into law on May 15, 2018, called for the elimination of the I/M program 120 days after final EPA approval of the 110(I) report. The I/M program is currently required as part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) in Hamilton County and Middle Tennessee (Davidson, Sumner, Wilson, Rutherford, and Williamson Counties). In order to remove the requirement from the SIP, the Division must demonstrate that I/M removal does not interfere with attainment or maintenance of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO₂, CO, and lead.

The I/M program requires an annual light-duty motor vehicle onboard diagnostic (OBD) inspection or tailpipe inspection to ensure that the vehicle's emissions are properly controlled. The 110(I) technical report details the results of a sensitivity analysis showing a projected small increase in ozone values. Middle Tennessee is currently in compliance with all National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and removal the I/M program will not interfere with continued attainment or maintenance of the air quality standards.

The SIP revision will remove the Federally mandated requirement for and I/M program in Middle Tennessee. Metro Nashville retains the right to continue a vehicle emission testing program on a voluntary basis.

All persons interested will be allowed to present testimony to the hearing officer regarding the proposed revision to the SIP. Anyone desiring to make oral comments at this public hearing should prepare a written copy of their comments to submit to the hearing officer at the hearing. The hearing officer may limit the length of oral comments in order to allow all parties an opportunity to speak, and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed SIP revision. Written statements not presented at the hearing will only be considered part of the record if received by close of business (4:30 PM Central) on November 19, 2019, at office of the Division of Air Pollution Control at the address provided above.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in the hearing (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no less than ten working days prior to November 19, 2019, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (615- 532-0207) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (800- 848-0298).

If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Saul Castillo at (615) 532-0462 for more information.

If you have any questions about the proposed revision to the SIP, you may contact Paul LaRock by phone at (615) 532-0093 or by email at paul.larock@tn.gov. Materials concerning the proposed action are available at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo-public-participation/ppo-public-participation/ppo-air.html>.